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We are pleased to invite your esteemed organisation to partner with us as a sponsor of the International Conference on Economics, Policy and AI for Development (ICEPAD 2026), to be held from July 23–25, 2026 at BITS Pilani K K Birla Goa Campus, Goa, India.

ICEPAD 2026 is jointly organised by the Centre for Training & Research in Public Finance and Policy (CTRPFP, a unit of CSSSC, Kolkata), the Department of Economics & Finance at BITS Pilani Goa Campus, and the Anuradha & Prashanth Palakurthi Centre for Artificial Intelligence Research (APPCAIR), BITS Pilani — the AI Center of Excellence at BITS Pilani Goa Campus.

About the Conference

The conference brings together researchers, policymakers, and practitioners to explore how artificial intelligence, public economics, and development policy intersect in shaping governance and growth. The primary audience comprises graduate students, faculty members, and policymakers working in Economics, Finance, AI and Public Policy, from institutions across India and abroad.

Confirmed Plenary Speakers

We are delighted to share that the following distinguished scholars have already accepted our invitation to deliver plenary lectures:

- Davide Furceri — Division Chief, Fiscal Affairs Department, International Monetary Fund (IMF); ranked in the top 1% of economists worldwide (RePEc)
- Prof. C. Veeramani — Director & RBI Chair Professor, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram
- Prof. Tushar Kanti Nandi — IISER Kolkata; published in the Journal of Public Economics and Journal of European Economic Association
- Dr. Sanchari Roy — Associate Professor of Economics, University of Exeter Business School, UK
- Prof. Mausumi Das — Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi; Associate Editor, Economic Modelling
- Prof. Swaprava Nath — Dept of CSE, IIT Bombay, Game Theory, Mechanism Design, and AI/ML for Social Choice

Sponsorship Categories

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Benefits range from logo placement on all conference materials, naming rights for keynote or technical sessions, exhibition space, complimentary registrations, and advertisements in the conference proceedings. Custom sponsorship packages and in-kind partnerships are also welcome.

Full details of each tier are available in the attached brochure and on our conference website: <https://appcair.bits-pilani.ac.in/ICEPAD2026/>

Your support will directly contribute to creating a platform for meaningful interdisciplinary dialogue and to advancing research at the frontier of economics and AI while giving your organisation prominent visibility before a focused audience of academics, researchers, and policy practitioners.

We would be happy to discuss how a partnership can be tailored to your organisation's priorities. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

With warm regards,

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PS: Selected peer-reviewed papers from the conference will be considered for a special issue of the South Asian Journal of Macroeconomics and Public Finance (Sage; ABDC-ranked, Scopus and Web of Science indexed), guest-edited by Dr. Sandip Sarkar and Prof. Snehanshu Saha.